NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
Exploring
The Earth And Its
People

December 27, 1996

EXPERIENCE
THE "GREAT AMERICAN MUSICAL"

The Human Resources Department has discounted tickets to go see **SHOW BOAT** at 50% off. This offer is valid from January 6 - February 16, 1997 for the following performances:

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Friday at 8:00 p.m.
Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

There are a limited supply, so hurry to the Human Resources Department and get in on the savings before you "miss the boat!"

PUBLIC SERVICES NOVEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Robert Gray

November Nominees: **James Atkinson** and **Ruben Villanueva**, Housekeeping; **Robert Gray**, Security; **Katie Davis, Geraldine Havranek** and **Jenny Obrist**, Visitor Services.

Sale!

The following Museum material is being offered for sale to employees:

1 fluorescent desk lamp
4 wood cafeteria tables
6 round aluminum picnic tables
1 book case
1 wall cabinet
1 four-drawer file cabinet
4 wood chairs

This material will be available for review in the old taxidermy area on the fourth floor from December 30 to January 3 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Personnel interested in bidding should submit their bid in a sealed envelope to the Museum Purchasing Department by January 6. Successful bidders will be notified on January 8.

Tom Geary, Purchasing

The *NATURAL NEWS* will be published again on January 10. The due date for the next issue is Tuesday, January 7 at 12 noon.

FIELD MUSEUM FAN MAIL

Back in September, **Nina Cummings** (Photography) began corresponding via email with "Showtyme," a ninth grade Tennessean doing a science project on the Tsavo lions. His correspondence is excerpted below, with grammar and spelling as in the original:

Dear Neena,

Here it is! The long awaited man-eater project is complete and will hopefully reach you before Christmas. I hope you lyke it. My teacher wanted to keep it, but I told her that I had obligations to fulfill with it. Hehe. So, how r u? Sorry I haven't written u in days, but the fact is that I've been spiffing up this project. I want you to know how greatful I am that you sent me all of that material. My teacher said that she almost puked when she read the journal excerpt. Hehehe. We did well. All of the stuff that you sent me is on this project. I lyked the way it turned out, really. Tell me if you see any faults in it and I will fix them if ever again I do a project on man-eating lions tha live in Tsavo:-). What exactly were you planning to do with it anyway? Well, stupid question. Get back into it, Showtyme. Forget I ever asked that, k? Say, when was Stanley going on that trip to look for tha cave? I want all details when he gets back. Question: What do think cave is, well, besides a cave. Do you really think that it "belonged to the lions?" Or do you think that it was in fact a Lepord den or tribal burial...

Well, I did my best to place copyrights in their places and even added a little humor to the one above the left, er, right flap. My teacher lyked it, and gave me extra points because I pointed out to her that it was a true story:-) She had thought I made it up! Oh, and BTW, she believes that you exist now. Hehe. We took care of that with the project. It was kinda obvious that I had to get the information from somewhere. Duh. Oh, and also another question: are you going onto Tsavo (for the cave search) to photograph the cave and its contents? If not, who will? You just haaaaaaaave to be the best photographer in the F.M. (biiig smile) hehe/smile ... I hope you read this looooooong letter before you looked at the project (it adds to the suspense:-)

Any more fan mail out there? Send it to the *Natural News.*

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions -- in WordPerfect on floppy disk or via email to klyce@fmppr.fmnh.org -- is Tuesday at noon. Printed on recycled paper.

January 1997

Museum Wide Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 12:00-4:00pm Volunteer Training, Haitian Vodou - LH2
5	6 6:30-11:00pm Chgo HangGliding, LH1	7 5:30-8:00pm Chicago PCR/DNA sequencing group, LH2	8 5:00-8:00pm Volunteer Training, Haitian Vodou - LH2	9 5:00-8:00pm Volunteer Training Haitian Vodou, LH2	10 6:00pm-12:00am SE Heller Financial, SFH 1000	11 8:30am-1:00pm Project Teach Workshop, LH2 8:30am-1:00pm Teacher workshop, LH2
12	13 6:30-7:30pm Camera Club, JH2 7:00-9:30pm SE Primative Art, LH1	14	15	16 5:00-8:00pm Volunteer Training Haitian Vodou, LH2	17 5:45pm-9:00am Group Overnight,	18 8:00pm-12:00am SE AMASA, SFH/ Balcony 350
19	20 6:00-9:30pm SE Chgo Mountaineering Club, LH1 6:30-10:00pm Chgo Ornithological Soc., LH2	21 9:00am-3:00pm LOT Training, Lh2	22 8:00am-4:00pm SE Outreach Orientation, LH1	23 1:00-4:00pm SE Northwestern Univer, crl 30 5:00-8:00pm Volunteer Training, Haitian Vodou - LH2	24 5:30-8:30pm SE UCLA JST/Rice 200-300	25 9:00am-3:00pm LOT Training, Lh2 8:00pm-1:30am Univ of Chicago, SFH/ balcony 800
26	27	28 9:00am-3:00pm LOT Training, Lh2	29 7:00-10:00pm SE Chgo Herp. Society, LH 1	30 4:00-9:00pm Lecture w/Don Cosention, LH1/JST 4:30-9:00pm Educators Preview Haitian Vodou, LH2	31 8:30am-12:30pm SE Kraft Food, JST 300 5:45pm-9:00am Group Overnight,	

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"BOOK-ABLE" SPACES IN FIELD MUSEUM
1/6/95

SPACE	LOC	MAX	USE	SCHEDULE BY	CONTACT	EXT.	
Classroom 1	GF	50	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 2	GF	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 3	GF	30	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Conf. Room 1	GF	20	I	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room A	GF	16	I	Instit. Adv.	Suzanne Murphy	210	Restricted use
Dining Room B	GF	4	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C	GF	6	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C/D	GF	20	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room D	GF	12	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room E	GF	75	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
D&P Conf. Room	4th	10	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Educ. Conf. Room	GF	14	I S	Education	Clara Aytch-Baker	247	
Developers Conf. Rm.	4th	8	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Founder's Room	1st	100	I S	Tours	Dorothy Roder	862	Restricted use
Montgomery Ward H.	GF	150	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Lecture Hall II	GF	75	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic East (Sch)	GF	320	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic West (Pub)	GF	125	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Rice Center	1st		P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Simpson Theatre	GF	1000	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Zoology Clrm.	3rd	50	I	Zoology	Norann Miller	255	
Webber Resource	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Maori Meeting House	2nd	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Pawnee Earth Lodge	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Place for Wonder	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Stanley Field Hall	1st	35	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
EXHIBIT HALL: Permanent Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	Exhibits Dept. consulted prior to confirmation
EXHIBIT HALLS: Special Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	

I = Internal (meetings, etc.)

P = Public (Programs, Classes, etc.)

S = Special Events

The Field Museum January, 1997 Weekend Contact Schedule

Saturday			Sunday		
4			**5**		
Public Services	Diane White		Public Services	Diane White	
Education	Mark Alvey	Mary Ann Bloom Mara Cosillo-Starr	Education		Mara Cosillo-Starr
	Pamela Wrenn				
Harris Loan Center	9am-3pm	Dan Brinkmeier	Harris Loan Center	CLOSED	
Housekeeping	7am-3pm James Simms	3-11pm Johnsie Golliday	Housekeeping	7am-3pm James Simms	3-11pm Johnsie Golliday
Exhibits	7 am - 11 am	Paula Horecny	Exhibits	7 am - 11 am	Tom Czajkowski
Museum Stores	Patrick Hanrahan		Museum Stores		Kim Holmes
Picnic in the Field	Maria Clayborn		Picnic in the Field	Maria Clayborn	
Special Events	Carol Konieczny		Special Events		Laurie Sanders
Vending	Gale Asikin		Vending		Richard Bermingham
11			**12**		
Public Services		Ray Bondoc	Public Services		Ron Cundiff
Education		Mary Ann Bloom Mara Cosillo-Starr	Education	Mark Alvey	Mary Ann Bloom Mara Cosillo-Starr
	Pamela Wrenn				
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18			**19**		
Public Services	Diane White		Public Services	Diane White	
Education	Mark Alvey	Mara Cosillo-Starr Maureen Ransom	Education	Kristie Webber	
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Education	Beth Adams Joe Byrnes	Mary Ann Bloom Peter Laraba	Education	Mark Alvey	Mary Ann Bloom
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Wondering who's working this weekend? Have a question that can't wait until Monday? This handy weekend contact schedule is updated each month and is posted at the Security Console, extension 322.

- Paula Brandabur, Public Services.

Free Preview

And now ... they're bringing it HERE!

"The Relic," the movie you've been waiting for is coming ... and The Field Museum staff and volunteers are invited to a **Free Special Preview** at **7:30 p.m.** on Tuesday, **Jan. 7, 1997** at the McClurg Court Theater.

Each Staff member or volunteer may bring **one guest.** Seating is limited and advanced tickets will be required. **To reserve your seats, see Maria in the Human Resources Department.** Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis, so be sure to reserve yours Today!

For anyone not familiar with "The Relic," it is the Paramount Picture's terrifying new suspense thriller that was filmed at the Museum in October 1995. It stars Penelope Ann Miller, Tom Sizemore, Linda Hunt and James Whitmore.

McClurg Court Theaters
(3 blocks East of Michigan Ave.)
330 East Ohio Street
312.642.0723

Parking is available at the McClurg Court Parking Garage located two doors down from the theater. The cost is $7 with a theater validation (the theater will validate for the preview).

You can also get to the theater by taking CTA buses #66 Chicago or #3 King Drive. For more information on public transportation. call the CTA at 312.836-7000.